



Office of Space Science Strategic Planning -- 2006



Strategic Management Principles



- Open competition and scientific peer review, in alignment with established science strategic objectives, are the primary means of establishing merit for decision-making
- Safety, mission success, and fiscal responsibility are paramount
- External research community is actively engaged in guiding the program through science priority-setting and merit evaluation
- Mission data are made widely accessible to science community users in a timely way
- Essential capabilities at NASA centers are maintained
- New technologies are developed and deployed consistent with prudent regard for the public investment
- Results and excitement are shared with the public via education programs and public engagement activities
- Broad international cooperation maximizes scientific return subject to sound program management





Research Community Participation

- The space science research community plays a critical role in guiding NASA's space science program
 - Recommends strategic science priorities and research directions via the NRC Space Studies Board (e.g., theme decadal surveys)
 - Develops science theme flight project and technology roadmaps via the Space Science Advisory Committee and subcommittees
 - Evaluates proposals and recommends investigations, both for flight projects and supporting research, via peer review
 - Leads and executes Education and Public Outreach program in conjunction with supported research activities
 - Assesses candidates for mission extensions and makes recommendations for extended funding via the "senior review" process
- Result: expert independent guidance for science program objectives and execution, with a strong sense of ownership and advocacy for our program



Purposes of Enterprise Strategic Planning



- Determine valid and up-to-date set of priority science objectives
- Obtain expert recommendations on flight missions and technologies needed to pursue these objectives
- Build research community consensus on these objectives and implementation options
- Support budget advocacy for these implementations in order to achieve these objectives
- Explain to the political process and general public what we are doing with these budgets and why
- Inform the overall Agency-level strategic planning process and documentation (which must meet GPRA requirements)

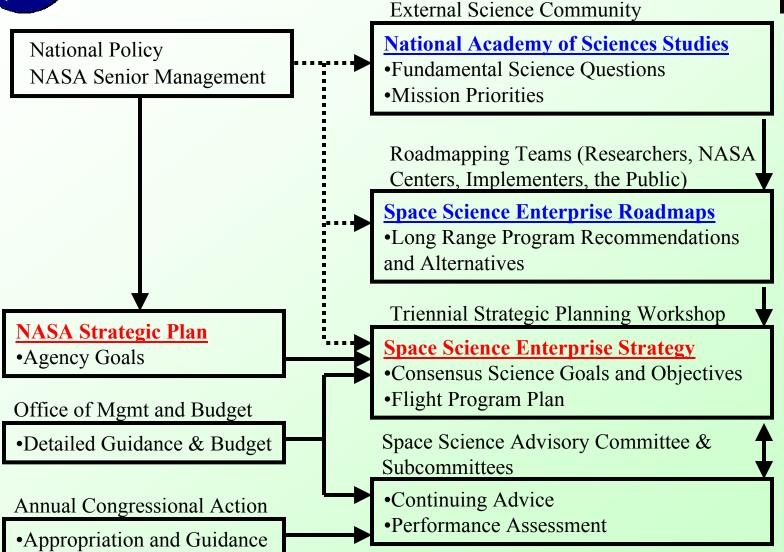


Space Science Enterprise Strategic Planning



Decades

5-10 years

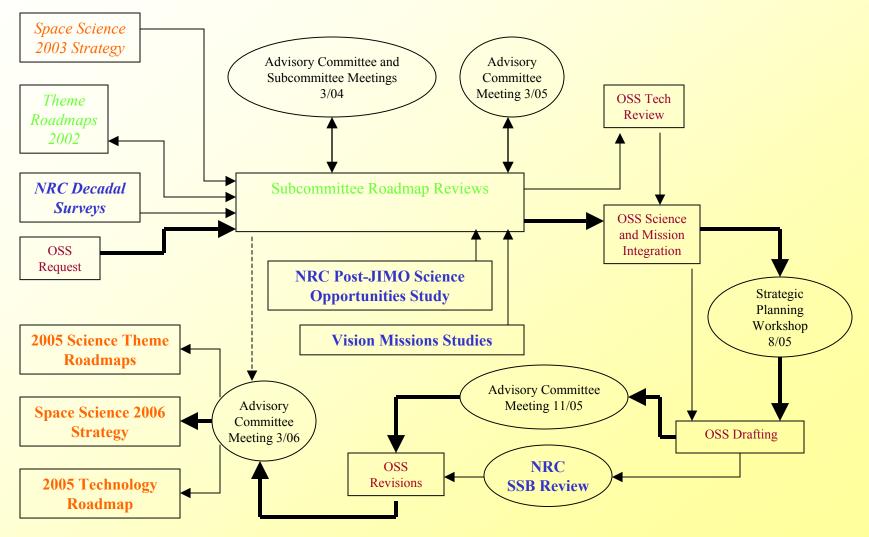


Near Term



Space Science Strategy 2006 Process

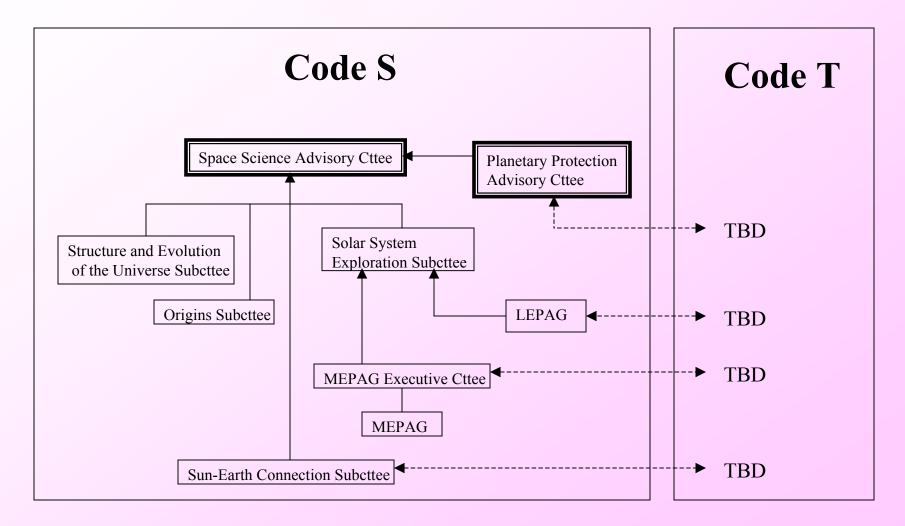






Space Science Advisory Committee **Structure for 2006 Strategy**







A Renewed Spirit of Discovery: The Goals of the President



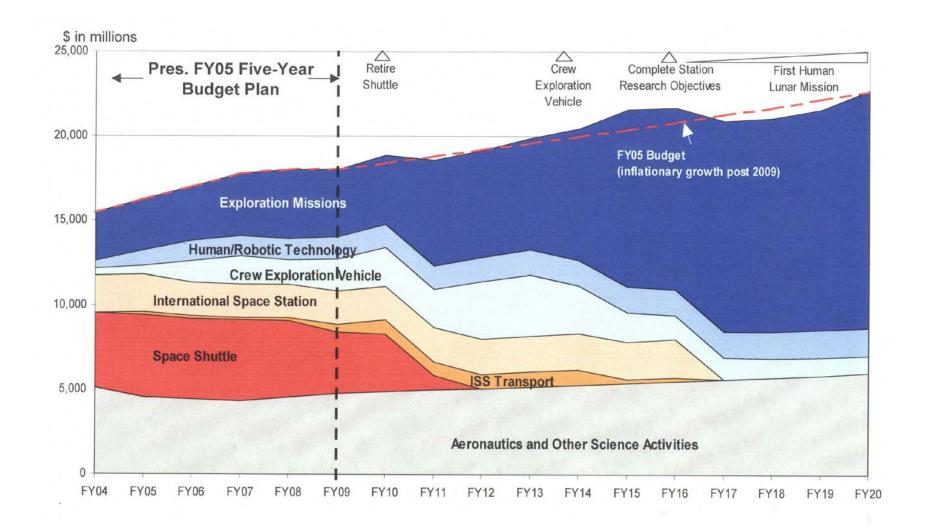
The fundamental goal of the vision is to "advance U.S. scientific, security, and economic interests through a robust space exploration program"

- maximum Implement a sustained and affordable human and robotic program to explore the solar system and beyond;
- Extend human presence across the solar system, starting with a human return to the Moon by the year 2020, in preparation for human exploration of Mars and other destinations;
- Develop the innovative technologies, knowledge, and infrastructures both to explore and to support decisions about the destinations for human exploration; and
- Promote international and commercial participation in exploration to further U.S. scientific, security, and economic interests.











"Exploration" Space Science Content



- The budget diagram allocates entire themes and theme budget to one region or another
 - This includes not only missions but science budgets as well
- The "Exploration Missions" wedge currently includes
 - Astronomical Search for Origins
 - Solar System Exploration
 - Mars Exploration
 - Lunar Exploration (new)
- The "Other Science" wedge includes
 - Structure and Evolution of the Universe
 - Sun-Earth Connection (SEC)
- The Living with a Star component of SEC directly supports exploration even though SEC budgets are in "Other Science"
- "Other Science" activities are not to be stopped, but will experience static funding or slower growth







- Space Science will work with other NASA Enterprises to implement the President's agenda
 - Provide high quality investigations for Exploration projects
 - Conduct frontier research in "other science program" areas
 - Support the Exploration Program by carrying out flight projects within its field of competence (i.e., the robotic lunar precursors)
- Within the policy context and available budgets, our prime imperative will be conducting the best and most exciting science possible



Strategy 2006 Schedule



 Initiate Vision Missions study program 	Jun 03
 Initiate NRC Post-JIMO Science Opportunities study 	Dec 03
 Initiate roadmap reviews and Vision Mission studies 	Feb 04
 Post-JIMO and Vision Missions results available 	Mar 05
 Roadmap review status at SScAC 	Mar 05
 Roadmap review results due to HQ 	Jun 05
 Consensus workshop 	Aug 05
 First draft complete, out for review (SSB, SScAC) 	Oct 05
 First plan draft reviewed by SSB and SScAC 	Nov 05
 SSB comments on draft due 	Jan 06
 Final SScAC review 	Mar 06
 Plan goes into production 	Apr 06
 Plan released 	May 06